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SUBJECT: DELTA/FLOMERCA PROBLEM - PRESS COVERAGE

REFERENCE: GUATEMALA 3992

1. AFTERNOON PAPERS JULY 29 IGNORED FLOMERCA STORY, BUT ALL MORNING PAPERS JULY 30 PROMINENTLY REPORTED NEWS CONFERENCE HELD JULY 29 BY FLOMERCA OFFICIALS. GIST OF THEIR REMARKS WAS THAT FLOMERCA WILL NOT TOLERATE INTERVENTION IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS BY U.S. INVESTIGATOR IN GUATEMALA AND THAT U.S. LAWS SUBSIDIZE U.S. MARITIME FLEET, THEREFORE WHY CAN'T GUATEMALA DO THE SAME FOR ITS SHIPPING. THEY CITE MINIMUM 50 PERCENT CARGO REQUIREMENT U.S. BOTTOMS ON PL-480 GRAIN SHIPMENTS.

2. FLOMERCA REPRESENTATIVES CHARGED THAT U.S. GOVERNMENT AND EMBASSY OFFICIALS BRINGING PRESSURE ON GUATEMALAN GOVERNMENT TO REVISE PREVAILING GUATEMALAN LAW (DECREE 41-71) AND ACCOMMODATE BIG U.S. SHIPPING COMPANY. LAW PROMULGATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH OAS AND UNCTAD-SUPPORTED MEASURES TO EXPAND LDC MERCHANT FLEETS. GUATEMALA SHOULD, OF COURSE, RESIST IMPINGMENT ON SOVEREIGNTY. MATTER MIGHT PROPERLY BE RAISED IN SELA MEETING IN PANAMA.

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3. ONLY SMALL CIRCULATION DAILY ALERTA HAS DISCLOSED THAT STORY OF SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FROM PRESIDENT INVESTIGATING SITUATION IN GUATEMALA IS FALSE. HOWEVER, PAPER WENT ON TO ASSERT THAT ENTIRE ACTION WAS DIRECTED AGAINST GUATEMALAN GOVERNMENT, EVEN THOUGH DECREE NO. 41-71 WAS "TIMID AND A MERE CRUMB" COMPARED WITH PROTECTIONIST LAWS OF U.S. FOR ITS MERCHANT MARINE.  
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